Jericho Energy Task Force Meeting – December 10, 2015

Members present: Eric Bishop, Phyl Newbeck, Kathie Voigt Walsh

• Publicity for Jan Blue Vinyl; further planning for climatologist; March movie

We planned our publicity for our January 22 movie, Blue Vinyl. It will be shown at the Deborah Rawson Memorial Library and we will have popcorn and cider.

• Icicle Contest/Alternatives if no icicles

Although cold weather and snow have been slow to arrive, we refuse to believe there won't be icicles this winter so we hope to reprise our popular icicle contest.

We discussed an alternative contest which would involve an on-line survey about lightbulbs and energy use in homes with the possibility of entering all respondents into a raffle for a free programmable thermostat.

• Review correspondence received

The JETF was asked to sign a letter to Governor Shumlin declaring our opposition to the Vermont Gas pipeline but we declined to do so.

• CESU solar projects

A proposed 1,000kW solar array is being planned for Westman Road in Cambridge. The project will go before the Public Service Board on December 17. The power generated will benefit MMU which will serve as the off-taker. Another project in Proctor is benefitting Browns River and Camels Hump Middle Schools and the CESU elementary schools. Both projects have been completed under the auspices of Green Lantern Capital. Luke Shullenberger of GLC is starting a scholarship program at MMU for students who want to go into environmental science or engineering. It should be in place this spring.

• Choosing which implementations to focus on for the Town Plan

The JETF discussed the implementation items in section 11.1 which are our responsibility and prioritized what we would like to do. We will continue with the rest of this section at our next meeting.

Our next meeting will be January 14.